

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
Olympia, Washington

To: Oxygen Providers
Pharmacists
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Oxygen Program: Coverage Table and Fee Schedule Updates and Policy Clarifications

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Health Care Authority (the Agency) will update the:

- Coverage Table in the *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions*; and
- *Oxygen Program Fee Schedule*.

Coverage Table Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency will update the Oxygen Coverage Table with the following:

Code Additions

Code Status Indicator	HCPCS Code	Modifier	Description	Do Not Bill With	EPA/ PA?	Policy/ Comments
#	K0741		Portable gaseous oxygen system, rental, includes portable container, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing, for cluster headaches			
#	K0742		Portable oxygen contents, gaseous, 1 month's supply= 1 unit, for cluster headaches, for initial month's supply or to replace used contents			

New Limitation

Code Status Indicator	HCPCS Code	Modifier	Description	Do Not Bill With	EPA/PA?	Policy/Comments
	A7018	NU	Water, distilled, used with large volume nebulizer, 1000ml	E0570 A4217		Limit is 50 units, per client, every 30 days. 1 unit = 1000ml

Updated Policy on Repair of Client-Owned Equipment

Code Status Indicator	HCPCS Code	Modifier	Description	Do Not Bill With	EPA/PA?	Policy/Comments
	E1399		Durable medical equipment, miscellaneous		PA	For parts used in the repair of client-owned equipment. PA request must include an itemized part listing with the corresponding MSRP information on a dated and legible invoice. See repair policy on page E.6.
	K0740		Repair or nonroutine service for oxygen equipment requiring the skill of a technician, labor component, per 15 minutes		PA	For client-owned equipment only. Must include invoice with actual labor time defined in units. See repair policy on page E.6. 1 unit = 15 min.

Miscellaneous Updates to Billing Instructions

The Agency has clarified policy in the Coverage and Reimbursement sections of the *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions*. Updates include sections on repairs, miscellaneous oxygen-related durable medical equipment (DME), and repairs for client-owned equipment.

Fee Schedule Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency will update the *Oxygen Program Fee Schedule* with the procedure code additions in this memo. To view these changes, go to the Agency's web site at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html>.

Note: Please bill the Agency your usual and customary charge.

Updated Billing Instructions

The Agency has updated the *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions* with the information in this memo. You may view/download the new billing instructions on the Agency's web site at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).

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